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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Computer Software Export Promotion Councils are set up in all the major cities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the performance of these Promotion Councils in terms of quantity and value of export of computer software, peripherals as well as other electronic items during the years 1997-98, 1998- 99, 1999-2000;

(d) the steps taken by the government to promote and propagate E-commerce in India alongwith the initial responses from the multinational companies and consumers in this regard; and

(e) the total value of money involved in the IT industries in India at present, their annual expenditure and the income generated by the Government through these industries in the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): The Electronics and Computer SoftwareExport Promotion Council has its Headquarters at New Delhi and a Regional Office at Bangalore.

The export performance in various sectors of Electronics and Computer Software for the the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is at Annexure.

(d): Some of the key steps taken by the Government to promote the E-Commerce in the country are:-

1. The Government has implemented ISP Policy and 307 parties have been given license to provide ISP services in the country. These ISPs have been allowed to set up International Gateways independent of VSNL.

2. The Department of Telecom has also set up internet nodes at 75 Telecom Districts in the country.

3. The Government has already introduced the Information Technology Bill, 1999 in the Lok Sabha on 16.12.1999 to provide the legal framework for electronics commerce, electronics data interchange and prevent computer misuse and computer crimes.

4. A Centre of Excellence has also been set up at CMC, Hyderabad to develop security product and application in the area of E-Commerce.

(e): The IT industry is de-licensed. The Government do not collect the details of their annual expenditure and income. The Governmentgenerate the revenue from IT industry through collection of various levies and taxes such as sales tax, excise and customs. These levies are collected by the different agencies. No consolidated record of the revenue generated is compiled.